

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, November 17, 2008, 4:30pm, at City Hall in the Lower Level Conference Room.

Present at said meeting were Garnet Peck, Mike Dana, Paula Woods, Karen Springer, Mary Nauman, and Attorney John Sorensen. Joe Payne, Pennie Ainsworth, Lee Booth, Brenda Lorenz, and Cheryl Kolb represented the department. Council member Ann Hunt was also present. Absent were Council members Gerald Thomas and Gerry Keen, along with department staff member Chris Foley.

Garnet convened the Board at 4:35pm.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the October 20, 2008 meeting. Paula motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mike seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Superintendent – Joe reported on the following:

- Noted the Council Report was included in the mailing.
- Noted we received a Thank You card from the West Lafayette Student Council for our assistance with the Homecoming Parade/Festivities.

Assistant Superintendent – Pennie reported on the following:

- Noted she won a six-foot table at the National Recreation & Park Association conference made from 75% recycled plastic. It is from Engineered Plastic Systems out of Elgin, IL. The table has been assembled by our staff and placed on the deck at Lilly Nature Center.
- Last year we ordered a portable shade structure for the pool. Unfortunately, after three bad experiences with the structure, we exchanged it for another single-post shade structure, 12x12x8.

Parks – Lee reported on the following:

- Inspection reports available.
- The parks have been closed for the winter.
- The staff is preparing Riverside Skating Center for the season, with the ice making process to begin on Thursday.
- We are installing new playground surfacing in Happy Hollow Park.
- The staff is gearing up for winter.

Recreation – Pennie reported in Chris' absence:

- Second and third grade basketball has begun with forty-six second graders and thirty-three third graders participating. Greg Tudor is the program coordinator. The fall assistants are members of the West Lafayette seventh grade girls' basketball team.
- Riverside Skating Center will be ready for ice-skating season the day after Thanksgiving. The facility is scheduled to open Nov. 28 at 1:00pm, weather permitting. The staff has been busy sharpening skates and attending training programs.

Morton Center – Brenda reported on the following:

- A flu clinic will be held at Morton on Monday, November 24, 9:00am-12:00pm, by the Tippecanoe County Health Department. The shots will cost \$15.00, or free with Medicare Part B.

- Morton is hosting the December Park Board meeting. Food will be served, so hopefully everyone is able to attend. We will look forward to seeing everyone December 15.

Old Business

America in Bloom-Resolution BPR 3-08

Joe presented the resolution to recognize and congratulate those involved with West Lafayette's participation in the 2008 America in Bloom contest. Discussion followed pertaining to how we move forward. The consensus is to focus locally for the community. Mike motioned to approve Resolution BPR 3-08 as presented. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

New Business

Proposed 2009 NRO Budget

Joe noted the budget information was distributed in the agenda mailing, noting our department and the Clerk-Treasurer prepare the budget cooperatively. Joe noted the report was distributed for viewing purposes primarily, and did not require voting until the next meeting, after the overall West Lafayette Budget has been approved.

Resolution BPR 4-08

Joe requested approval of Resolution BPR 4-08, which requests the moving of funds to cover anticipated expenditures through the end of the year. Mike motioned to approve Resolution BPR 4-08 as presented. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Proposed 2009 Farmers Market Information Sheet & 2009 Farmers Market Contract

Chandler Poole and Beverly Shaw presented information about the introduction of possible wine sales/tasting as a special event day at the market. The item will be discussed further at the next meeting in December, along with a revision to the contract.

Proposed 2009 Facility Rate Increase

The staff presented and proposed an increase in shelter rental fees and pool rate fees for 2009. The increase for the shelter fees was accepted and the discussion for the pool fees increase will continue at the December meeting. Mike motioned to approve the increases for the shelter fees as presented. Paula seconded, and the motion carried.

West Lafayette School Board – Karen reported on the following:

- Larry Wood will be our new Director of Custodial Maintenance Services beginning December 1. He has served in this position in a number of other school corporations, most recently at Lake Central. Deb Miethke accepted the position of Maintenance Department Secretary in early October. JoEllen Edelen has returned to Cumberland to replace Deb.

- Finances continue to affect the school corporation. We are looking for a short-term rollover of 2008 Tax Anticipation Warrants (TAW's) to get us through the end of the year & begin the process for 2009 TAW's. The 2009 Budget was approved on November 5. Two weeks later, we learned of a 42% increase in health insurance rates for 2009. The School Corporation community is working hard to address these concerns.

Wabash River

- Paula had nothing to report.
- Mike had nothing to report, other than reporting a meeting was scheduled for this Wednesday.
- Joe reported on a Wabash River Enhancement Corporation meeting to review the master plan progress, noting there will be a future public meeting to discuss the planning effort.

Other

Proposed 2009 Part-Time Salaries

Pennie presented the item for approval. Discussion followed and it was decided the item be discussed further at the December meeting.

Joe reminded everyone about the Parks & Recreation Foundation meeting scheduled prior to the next Park Board meeting.

Pay Claims

Paula motioned for claims to be paid. Mary seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

Ann Hunt reported the Budget meeting scheduled for this evening had been postponed until Wednesday evening.

Presiding Officer

Secretary